# SCORECARD AT A GLANCE: West Central Region

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### **Economy**

Goal: Be a national leader in the preservation and enhancement of our economy.

**Employment Growth** Personal Income Poverty Unemployment Workforce Quality

#### Natural Resources

Goal: Protect, conserve and wisely develop our natural, cultural and historic resources.

Land Preservation Solid Waste and Recycling

## **Public Safety**

Goal: Protect the public's safety and security, ensure a fair and effective system of justice, and provide a prepared response to emergencies and disasters of all kinds.

Crime Juvenile Intakes Traffic Fatalities

# Performance Trend

**Improving** Maintaining Worsening

#### Education

Goal: Elevate the levels of educational preparedness and attainment of our citizens.

School Readiness 3rd Grade Reading High School Graduation High School Dropout College Enrollments **Educational Attainment** 

## Transportation

Goal: Ensure Virginia has a transportation system that is safe, enables the easy movement of people and goods, enhances the economy, and improves our quality of

Land Use/Population Density

# Health and Family

**Goal:** Inspire and support Virginians toward healthy lives and strong and resilient families.

Cardiovascular Disease Child Abuse and Neglect Foster Care Health Insurance **Infant Mortality** Obesity Suicide Teen Pregnancy

## Government & Citizens

Goal: Be recognized as the best-managed state in the nation.

Civic Engagement Internet Access

**Taxation** Voter Registration & Turnout

Virginia's **West Central** Region

#### Localities within the West Central Region:

Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford (city and county), Botetourt, Campbell, Craig, Franklin, Giles, Lynchburg, Montgomery, Pulaski, Radford, Roanoke (city and county), Salem

#### **Population Statistics:**

Total Population (2012): 727,500 State Share of Total Population: 9.0% Percent Growth (since 2000): 0.4%

#### Some Key Performance Measures:

- Gained 2,220 jobs in 2011 (1.0%) gain), but average weekly wage declined by 2.8%
- Most improved high school graduation rate between 2008 and
- Largest drop in violent crime rates among all regions in 2011
- Higher education a strength along the Blacksburg-Roanoke-Lynchburg corridor

Measuring what matters to Virginians





